

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/723,346 Confirmation No. 8227  
Applicant : J. Rodney Walton *et al.*  
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Art Unit : 2419  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 21, 2009, **the time for responding having been extended until December 21, 2009**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.